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In response to the pending Office Action, mailed October 9, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a); and

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section b).